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SUBJ: DISCRIMINATROY FUEL PRICES IN FAVOR OF VIASA

REF: STATE 12707

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY HAS ADVISED VIASA AND GOV OFFICIALS DEPT DECISION ON WITHHOLLING CLEARNACE ON VIASA'S APPLICATION WITH FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION FOR FUEL ALLOCATION BASE ADJUSTMENT. GOV OFFICIALS REQUESTED CLARIFICATION. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER ADVISED TOP-LEVEL VIASA OFFICIAL REGARDING INABILITY OF STATE DEPT TO PROVIDE CLEARANCE ON VIASA'S REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION BASE ADJUSTMENT. VIASA OFFICIAL SAID HE WOULD BRING THE MATTER TO DIRECTORS' MEETING JUNE 2.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER ALSO ADVISED MARIANO TIRADO, CHIEF, TRANSPORTATION SECTION, VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OF CONTENTS PARA 1 REF AND REQUESTED EMBASSY RECEIVE REPLY TO NOTE SENT TO FOREGN MINISTRY JAN 1, 1975,  
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PROTESTING FUEL PRICE DIFFERENTIAL. TIRADO WILL MEET WITH

VIASA AND UNNAMED GOV OFFICIALS ON THIS MATTER AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5 BUT PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DRAFT REPLY TO NOTE UNTIL WEEK OF JUNE 16 INASMUCH AS TIRADO IS TECHNICAL REP ON VENEZUELAN DELEGATION MEETING WEEK OF JUNE 9 IN COST RICA ON CARIBBEAN SHIPPING PROPOSAL (NAMUCAR).

4. TIRADO SHOWED EMBASSY OFFICER MESSAG VIASA HAD RECEIVED FROM ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE US GIVING OPINION THAT FAILURE OF FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION (FEA) TO GRANT ALLOCATION BASE ADJUSTMENT WOULD NOT PROHIBIT VIASA FROM CONTINUING FUEL PURCHASES FROM UNBONDED STOCKS AT 1972 LEVELS. TIRADO REQUESTED CONFIRMATION THAT THIS DETERMINATION IS ACCURATE AS WELL AS CLARIFICATION REGARDING EFFECT DENIAL OF ALLOCATION BASE ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS WOULD HAVE ON VIASA'S CURRENT OPERATIONS.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPT'S OPINION REGARDING TIRADO'S REQUEST AS WELL AS CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF FUEL ALLOCATIONS IN GENERAL. SPECIFICALLY, ARE SUCH ALLOCATIONS APPLICABLE IN PERIODS WHEN FUEL SUPPLIES ARE AMPLE OR ONLY WHEN FULES ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY .  
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